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SUBJ: CASUALTY MESSAGE: DEATH OF AMERICAN CITIZEN IN PRC.

TO MR. ANNA HOMMES
1947 FIRST STREET
SAN FERNANDO, CALIFORNIA 916340

1. PLEASE ACCEPT OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY UPON LEARNING
OF THE DEATH OF YOUR HUSBAND, FRANK HOLMES.
WE HAVE CONTACTED MR. DAVID GUNNELL OF THE US-CHINA
PEOPLE'S FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION WHO HAS HANDLED THE DISPOSITION
OF YOUR HUSBAND'S REMAINS WHICH WERE CREMATED THIS MORNING IN
ACCORDANCE WITH YOUR INSTRUCTIONS.

2. MR GUNNELL WAS PRESENT AT THE MEMORIAL SERVICES THIS MORNING AND
SAID THAT THE SERVICES WERE WELL ATTENDED BY LEADING CANTON FOREIGN
AFFAIRS OFFICIALS. THE CEREMONY WAS MOST MOVING AND PREPARED IN THE
TRADITIONAL CHINESE MANNER. CHINA TRAVEL SERVICE HAS
ARRANGED FOR A LARGE PHOTOGRAPH OF YOUR LATE HUSBAND TO BE WREA-
THED WITH FLOWERS AND PLACED IN THE MEMORIAL HALL AND A SIMPLE
AND COMPASSIONATE EULOGY WAS DELIVERED EXPRESSING THE FRIENDSHIP
BETWEEN THE CHINESE AND AMERICAN PEOPLES WHICH THE TOUR YOUR HUSBAND
PARTICIPATED IN SYMBOLIZED.

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3. THE CAUSE OF YOUR HUSBAND'S DEATH WAS DETERMINED BY BOTH THE CHINESE
DOCTORS AND THE AMERICAN DOCTORS WHO WERE ALSO PARTICIPATING IN THE
TOUR, TO BE A CEREBRAL STROKE CAUSED BY A BLOOD CLOT IN THE
LATERAL CEREBRUM.

4. WE HAVE BEEN IN CONSTANT CONTACT WITH MR. GUNNELL DURING THE

TRAGEDY, AND HE REPORTS THAT THERE HAVE BEEN NO COMPLICATIONS.
HE WILL PERSONALLY DELIVER TO YOU PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE MEMORIAL SERVICE
AND THE CONDOLENCES OF THE US-CHINA PEOPLE'S FRIENDSHIP ASSOC-
IATION AS WELL AS YOUR HUSBAND'S PERSONAL BELONGINGS AS SOON AS HE
RETURNS TO THE UNITED STATES.

5. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS THEY MAY BE ANSWERED BY THE OFFICE OF
SPECIAL CONSULAR SERVICES AT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE IN
WASHINGTON, D.C. AT TEL (202) 632-1423.
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